

**County Treasurers Association of Ohio
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Kelich at 10:01 am.

Attendance: Co-chair Dan Talarek (Lorain Co.), Co-chair Alex Zumbar (Stark Co.), Kathy Kelich (Belmont Co.), Angie Maki-Cliff (Ashtabula Co.), Robin Edwards (Champaign Co.), Pam Littlejohn (Clark Co.), Brad Cromes (Cuyahoga Co.), Vickie Myers (Defiance Co.), Cheryl Brooks-Sullivan (Franklin Co.), Jill Schiller (Hamilton Co.), Steve Welton (Hancock Co.), Lindsay Webb (Lucas Co.), Dan Yemma (Mahoning Co.), John Burke (Medina Co.), John McManus (Montgomery Co.), Todd Hixson (Muskingum Co.), Joe Bica (Portage Co.), Joe Fantozzi (Summit Co.), Mike Migden (Summit Co.), Andy Smarra (Union Co.), Tony DiMenna (Hamilton Co.), Orvell Johns (Franklin Co.), Kevin Futryk, (Government Advantage Group), Victoria Gresh (Government Advantage Group).

Minutes: The minutes of the June 9, 2026 Legislative Committee meeting were unanimously approved. Moved by Alex Zumbar; Second Steve Welton.

Legislative Update:

A formal vote was taken on HB 938 for OCCO. Motion of opposition to this bill was made by Alex Zumbar, second by Kathy Kelich. Motion to oppose, carried.

Discussion on priority legislation included: HB 443 (Foreclosure Action), HB 493 (Tax Lien Sales), SB 366 (Collection of Delinquent Taxes), HB 186 (Cleanup) and HB 737 (Penny Bill).

Other topics of discussion brought before the committee include:

Proposed MH Legislation: (Rep. Dave Thomas). Treasurer Angie Maki-Cliff spoke of potential legislation in which manufactured homes would be assessed as real property towards the park (taxable improvement). This would eliminate manufactured home tax as it they currently are. This would raise the issue of current delinquencies and how that may be collected. Clarification is warranted on permanent improvement vs. property improvement. CTAO MH Committee will meet September 18 @ 10:00 am. Motion to monitor this legislation was made by Alex Zumbar; second: Cheryl Brooks-Sullivan. Motion carried.

Late vs. Delinquent Legislation: CTAO is currently waiting for LSC to send draft legislation. Rep Johns will sponsor.

Ohio Ethics Commission Issue: Committee hearing is set for October 2, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m. on outside employment.

Request for Remission of Late Payment Penalty: Brad Cromes discussed the challenges with form DTE23A as there are many reasons we could recommend penalty remission. Concerns were expressed as to why the Auditor is not permitted to approve "willful neglect" penalties and that it automatically goes before the BOR. Brad will work with RJ to draft language to be sent to LGS.

Amicus Brief: Cuyahoga County Treasurer, Brad Cromes, has a pending class action case pending before the Ohio Supreme Court. It was brought the committee requesting assistance of the CTAO in filing an amicus brief in support of Cuyahoga County. This would eliminate the ability to file tax foreclosures against those with delinquent real estate taxes. Motion in support was made by Alex Zumbar, second; Andy Smarra. Motion carried.

HB 443 and HB 493 - Committee members were encouraged to continue to having conversations with legislatures.

Candidates Forum: Victoria presented an update on the upcoming Candidates Forum and the partnership with CAAO.

Pay Raise: Ice Miller Law firm has been selected to represent CTAO and a Letter of Engagement has been sent. To be filed with Ohio Supreme Court.

Adjourn: With no further items brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 am. Moved by Alex Zumbar, second: Kathy Kelich. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Robin Edwards, Champaign Co. Treasurer
CTAO Secretary